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Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Harry E. Fitzwater

Director of Personnel

SUBJECT:

Evaluation of the SIS System

REFERENCE:

Senior Intelligence Service Plan, dtd 27 Sep 79

- 1. Action Requested: Recommendations are contained in paragraph 4 for your approval.
- 2. <u>Background</u>: Sub-system 9 of the Senior Intelligence Service (SIS) Plan provides for the evaluation of both the SIS operating program and its management. One of the Plan's requirements is that a statement outlining an SIS evaluation program be submitted for your review and approval by 30 November 1979.
- 3. Staff Position: Before a complete evaluation of a personnel program can properly be made, a sufficient period of time must be allowed to permit the program's full implementation. This period includes the time necessary for program modifications or adjustments made by management to better fit the program into the organization's overall personnel management system.

Certain questions relative to how SIS works in conjunction with other elements of the personnel system should be addressed relatively early in the implementation process because of the possible need to move quickly to deal with potential problems. Initially the evaluation effort should be directed toward determining how well the SIS Program melds with the Agency's personnel system as a whole. In effect, the Office of Personnel's Management Evaluation Staff should verify how well the SIS Plan is introduced; how well it functions during its first year or so of operation; and how it impacts on other personnel programs.

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Assuming that no major issues need be addressed during this initial monitoring period, the SIS Plan should be permitted to operate for an extended period before a thorough program review is made. fairness to the new SIS Plan itself a period of at least two years should be set aside for its operation before seriously submitting the Plan to critical examination. There are two basic reasons for this: first the SIS performance appraisal and compensation systems are new and a period of adjustment is required since they represent rather significant departures from past management practices relative to executive level employees. Secondly, because these systems are new, SIS members will necessarily experience some anxiety which could impede their ability to accept and adjust to Plan requirements. In addition, a substantially revised Senior Officer Development Program will be introduced as part of the SIS Plan and this also warrants a testing period prior to its evalua-This new executive development program expands the currently used Personnel Development Program (PDP).

4. Recommendations: It is recommended that:

- a. The Office of Personnel monitor the SIS Plan's implementation, examine how well the Plan operates during its first year, and report its findings to the DDCI. Should matters of significant concern be identified during this period, the Office of Personnel will recommend immediate action, as appropriate.
- b. Following this implementation period; i.e., during the Fall of 1981, the Office of Personnel undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of the SIS Plan. This evaluation will include an assessment of:
 - (1) the management of the SIS Plan;
 - (2) the Senior Officer Development Program;
 - (3) the SIS performance appraisal system;
 - (4) the SIS competitive promotion process; and
 - (5) the SIS compensation and award system.

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In accomplishing this assessment, the Office will use accepted personnel management evaluation methodology including the use of surveys to analyze employee perceptions; the statistical analysis of personnel data; interviews with responsible program officers; and the review of information and reports provided by SIS Plan managers. STATINTL

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